

The Messenger.

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GENERAL SMITH ON TRIAL.

The trial of General Jake Smith proceeded at Manila. An effort is making to show that boys who are brave and patriotic enough to fight the Americans must be murdered outright when made prisoners of war, and that all people who are branded as traitors should be massacred. And all this, in the twentieth century and by Americans!

General Jake Smith is a fine representative soldier indeed. He admits that he ordered United States troops to kill and burn until they had made Samar "a howling waste" and to spare no Filipinos over ten years of age, is bringing out some impressive testimony. So far from recognizing the resolute bravery and dislike of Americans and their methods of war and government on the part of the Filipinos, including men, women and children, Smith and others regard this as good grounds for extermination. The splendid valor of this class of nations excites in Smith & Co., naught but cruelty and determination to wipe out. When you read that Filipinos armed with bows and arrows dare to meet United States soldiers with the latest improved destructive weapons of war—you see examples of splendid courage and self-sacrifice. Boys of ten used to fight and slash with bolos (large knives). Evidences are not wanting to prove the desperate courage of the people and even little boys. Even women have fought with conspicuous bravery and died in battle. This shows the resolution, the unflinching bravery, the hatred for Americans by the people. When will the war end and subjugation be assured? The Atlanta Journal in a fine article on the war and the love of liberty on the part of Filipinos, says, and with truth and incisiveness:

"This spirit, if exhibited by our own people, we would call sublimely heroic. How can we consider it anything else when displayed by a people who never did us any harm until we bought them like chattels and tried to appropriate them?"

"The Filipino who dies in defense of his jungle, who lays down his life on the threshold of his home, is no less a patriot than the Greek who fell at Thermopylae's pass, or the soldier who dies to prevent the invasion of the flowering fields and splendid cities of his elegant civilization."

"Both are actuated by the same God-given instinct and nerved by the same love of liberty and home."

The war continues in April 1902, after about three years of effort to conquer and exterminate. Two years ago it was proclaimed that the war was ended. So said General Otis, and so other soldiers have declared. The Washington Post in its accustomed excellent style thus refers to the reports of peace from time to time:

"Civil Governor Taft proclaimed the regime of law and order a year later. So did most of the high officials at both ends of the game. In 1901 Funston captured Aguinaldo, and then there was nothing more left of the resistance. Shortly afterwards, on three separate occasions, the brilliant and determined strategy of our military forces, combined, of course, with the affectionate and suave diplomacy of the civil government—a policy of alternating kicks and caresses—caused the most positive announcements of peace. Not until the present moment, however, have we felt disposed to take the prospects seriously. It did not seem fair to terminate the incident finally until all the generals had had a chance. Otis had ended the war. MacArthur, Chaffee, Smith, Funston, a dozen others had ended it. But Grant had not been heard from. Were we to crown all these, including the majestic Wade, and leave Fred Grant without a laurel to his name? Not much. We waited."

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A DISTINGUISHED NORTH CAROLINA WOMAN.

A long time ago this writer stated in an editorial that the ablest woman in North Carolina was Mrs. Cornelia Phillips Spencer. Personally knowing her we have long held her in high admiration and esteem. We recall a witticism of hers in the forties. She was eating ice cream when Capt. Hewerton, a student from Virginia, asked her what was the Latin for ice cream. She at once replied—Clamo—I scream. She took the entire college course privately under her father, then professor of mathematics in the university, Rev. Dr. James Phillips. Mrs. Winston, wife of President George T. Winston, of the Agricultural and Mechanical college, Raleigh, in an interesting essay read before the Olla Podrida Club of Raleigh on "Bygone Days at Chapel Hill," gives this pleasant anecdote concerning

the accomplished and superior lady, now not far short of seventy-six, we guess:

"The member who at the last meeting had the delightful paper, 'The Noted Women of North Carolina,' spoke of Mrs. Spencer as perhaps the greatest living North Carolina woman. The late Governor Vance was once asked if she was. 'Yes,' and the greatest man, too, was the quick reply."

One more excerpt, and it is concerning her two published volumes bearing on North Carolina, her native state, we believe:

"Her two books are 'Last Ninety Days of War,' having much that is terrible and sad and some beautiful descriptions of nature. Then 20 years later she wrote 'A Child's History of North Carolina,' a small volume much praised and generally studied in the public schools of our state. She was always witty, always keen and spicy, sometimes sharp with her tongue, but at those times there was a spring to right. She was very public spirited."

She has been a great friend of this state, and is a highly interesting woman of lofty ideals. She is a Presbyterian, and has been always kind to and sympathetic with the poor and necessitous. In 1855 she married an alumnus of the University of North Carolina, Mr. James M. Spencer, of Alabama. He died in 1861. Her only daughter is the wife of Prof. J. L. Love, of Harvard University, and a graduate of our distinguished university. Mrs. Spencer for eight years has had her home with her. The News and Observer publishes the paper by Mrs. Winston from which we get the extracts, etc.

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SMASH THE MEAT TRUST.

The most important duty perhaps the president has on hand now is not attending to hungry office-seekers, but to the meat trust inquiry. It is to be hoped that he is deeply in earnest in his purpose to reach the oppressors of all the American people except the plethoric nabobs and the puffed money bags. If the laws are sufficient to reach them and the president will press the plundering rascals help and relief may come. Take the railroad rebates for the Big Six. What does it mean, what does it accomplish? It is an unlawful combination that is to be fought. The New York World gives this as from Mr. Charles Prouty, of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, that "a freight rate is a tax upon everything which enters into the life and commerce of this country." That is most important because it affects the whole people and in all they wear and eat and burn. The World says that it clearly follows from Mr. Prouty's statement that not "only the beef trust but other combinations that deal with the staple necessities of life are being strengthened by sliding freight rates—lower for the trusts and higher for independent competitive shippers—consumers are between the upper and nether millstones. If President Roosevelt is in earnest, and is not merely playing politics in his move against the beef trust, he will order an inquiry into Commissioner Prouty's assertion, and, if it is found to rest on provable facts, direct Attorney General Knox to proceed also to enforce the federal law against discriminating freight charges."

The trusts are the evil born children of a gigantic, sweeping tariff tax levied upon the seventy-five million of Americans for the benefit of the other millions already rich and living in clover. The meat tax should be swept away and the congress is the power to do this. Of course the position and influence of the president can be felt here, and he can do much to bring about such a delightful consummation. Wipe out a prohibitory tariff—one that keeps out foreign products, food included. Open the gates, let down the bars and let Canadian and Mexican beefs and sheep come in, and from all other lands too. Let the president take the bull of the Big Six by the horns and give him a vigorous twist of tail by asking the congress to repeal all meat taxes. That will be enough to sweep away the tyranny and restore meat to hungry human stomachs.

Does the President mean business? President Roosevelt orders the fences of the meat trust to be torn down. It orders that the Big Six shall stop the illegal use of the public domain for cattle grazing, and in this way it is hoped that the high prices of meats will be much reduced. A Washington special to the New York Tribune of the 19th ult., said that the land occupied by the Interstate Land and Cattle Company is the southeastern part of New Mexico, in the counties of Chaves, Eddy and Guadalupe, being a portion of the tract concerned in the Beales and Rayuela claim. For years it was occupied and fences were constructed thereon. Cattle numbering forty thousand and grazed within the fencing. The aim is a proper one and it is to be hoped it will hit the mark and knock out the robbers. The trusts are built upon the exorbitant, merciless tariff tax. Repeal every protective feature of that "robber" tax and down would come most trusts, from the coffin trust to the trust upon hungry stomachs. The trusts owe their life and success to the awful high tariff now plucking 75,000,000 of people for some two or three millions of rich people who reap where they have not sown. The New York World states that "it is history, proved

and confessed, that the promoters of monopolies seeking protection under the McKinley tariff actually wrote the schedules in that law. A member of one of the great steel companies now incorporated in the present combination boasted of this performance in behalf of his industry, and held that it was no more than the steel and iron men were entitled to do, in view of their liberal campaign contributions."

It is a matter of history, and not ancient, that when the Dingley bill was up to supplant that democratic abortion and "mixity" known as the Wilson bill, that the trusts and monopolies of all kinds filled the capitol at Washington with their emissaries, and that they "had schedules drawn to suit their own greed." The World says that in "no other manner could so outrageously high a tariff—overtopping the war duties—have been passed."

If President Roosevelt is earnest and sincere in his attacks upon trusts he is to be sustained. But he ought to remember that but for the huge, high republican tariff those enemies of the people could not ride rough-shod over the country trampling and robbing. The president has a record as a reformer and friend of honesty and good government which he secured before he succeeded the lamented McKinley. As civil service commissioner he did good work. As police commissioner of New York City he was faithful. As governor of New York he was thought to be true and just. Among things he did, as stated by the Washington Star, republican, he "called for legislation assessing the semi-public franchises at their real value, and immediately the cry arose from the politicians that he was sounding his own death knell. He won his fight and saved the small taxpayers of the state many millions. Now that he is president Mr. Roosevelt is displaying very much the same quality of requiring enforcement of the law. He has caused the legal machinery of the government to be put in motion against two notorious trusts, believing that the Sherman anti-trust law was enacted for that purpose and that the shortest way to ascertain its efficacy or its inadequacy is to test it in practice. "Let him fix his eye upon the bloated, 'robber' tariff and help to pluck out its fangs."

HOME FOLKS.

In 1880, according to the Southern Tobacco Journal, North Carolina produced 26,986,213 pounds of tobacco. It stood sixth among the tobacco states. In 1890, the product had gained very much and was 36,375,258 pounds. It stood fourth in production. In 1900 its crop was 127,505,400 pounds, showing enormous gain, nearly four times as great. Now it stands number two, only second to Kentucky, and leading Virginia by nearly 5,000,000 pounds. South Carolina shows great progress, and in percentage of gain stands first, its product in 1900 was 18,895,776 pounds. It is thought that with good seasons the crop for North Carolina in 1902, will be largely beyond that of 1900.

Do not forget that North Carolina in her poverty has already expended more than \$5,000,000 upon negro education.

Senator Simmons has made several speeches in the senate. His last on the 28th instant, was against the Philippine bill in the senate. He made a speech of ability and yet the republican senators would not listen. He scored, of course, Gen. Jake Smith or as known in the army—"Hell-Roaring Jake," and he deserved all that was said in his censure. He contrasted the policy of the United States government in dealing with Cuba and with the Philippines. He believed that independence should be given to both. He denounced the organized cruelty and barbarity aimed at the latter, and said that there had been no parallel in history to Smith's order of brutality since that of Herod the King.

The question is asked to what has been done as to the four negroes who so wronged and outraged the helpless little white boy. Were the blood hounds used in the inquiry we hear? Such crimes in any country are intolerable.

The Bryan Grimes Confederate Camp at Washington, Beaufort county, has passed a resolution of "heartiest thanks" to Judge Walter Clark for his services to the "holy cause of the Confederacy," and declared for his continuance on the supreme court bench of North Carolina.

The well edited and well arranged Durham Herald gives a report with a pointed comment. It says: "The report seems to be true—at least it has not been denied—that the republican commissioners of Madison county have released a large number of persons from the payment of poll-tax for what are supposed to be political reasons. This is not peanut politics—it is simply a rascally piece of business. The republicans have made a great cry for fairness in elections, but such conduct as this will not help bring it about."

A Night of Terror. "Awful anxiety was felt for the widow of the brave General Burnham of Machias, Me., when the doctors said she could not live till morning" writes Mrs. S. H. L'Acad, who attended her that fearful night. "All thought she must soon die from pneumonia," but she begged for Dr. King's New Discovery, saying it had more than once saved her life, and had cured her of Consumption. After three small doses she slept easily all night and its further use completely cured her." This marvelous medicine is guaranteed to cure all Throat, Chest and Lung Diseases. Only 50c and \$1.00. Trial bottles free at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

CLEANING AND COMMENT.

That was a magnificent gift of Memphis to the very gallant and noble Rear Admiral Schley. There were eighteen hundred people who subscribed for the purchase of a silver service. Many prominent ladies and gentlemen paid their respects to the admiral and his wife, including Governor Benton McMillin and wife. The parade was postponed on account of the bad weather. The presentation of the service was the carrying out of a purpose formed a year ago. Contributions came from Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Tennessee. Former Senator Thomas B. Turley made the presentation speech, and Admiral Schley accepted the beautiful gift in a fitting reply.

The silver service is a magnificent collection, consisting of a chest of tableware of 100 pieces, two candelabras of beautiful design, one epergne, and a loving cup bearing a bas relief of the admiral on one side, and the cruiser Brooklyn on the other.

At 9 o'clock at night a grand banquet of 300 covers was spread in the new Gayoso in honor of Admiral Schley.

The south will not forget its hero, the very greatest in American naval history. What greater naval battle was fought than Santiago? Was it Trafalgar or Copenhagen or what? Surely none in American history.

If Mr. Joseph Ohl, the efficient Washington correspondent of the Atlanta Constitution can be trusted as to the view he presents, the meat trusts are not uneasy, but laugh at the popular outcry and feel safe and strong in the knowledge that with republicans in control in the congress they are in the hands of their friends. The gang in the congress are silent as to the meat trust, and the only active opposition comes from the democrats. Bills looking to remedies and reforms offered by democrats go to the committees and there repose in eternal sleep. This is indeed a government by committees. One help may come as Mr. Ohl mentions—these sleeping, dead bills "may emphasize to the country the fact that if there is to be any checking of the trusts it must come from the democratic party. The republicans can be relied upon to oppose any and all efforts on this line by raising the cry of protection."

The novel by Tom Dixon, we see it stated, foretells a final war of races. But a Methodist in Ohio, Wilbur Thirkield, who is knowing and yet extremely ignorant of many things, and particularly of the south and its conditions, held forth to an audience doubtless as ignorant as himself in which he told them that already the negro problem had been settled, has been worked out by the south, etc. The people down this way will be delighted to learn so much of this self-confident parson. He referred to Dixon as "brilliant but erratic" and had met him.

An old newspaper man when he turns office seeker and begins to campaign for a place is hard to beat at the game. He can distance the old time wire-puller and head him off all around the circle. The old manager of The Savannah News, Mr. J. H. Estill, is a democratic candidate for governor of Georgia. His chief opponent is a lawyer and politician by the name of Joseph Terrell. It was thought for awhile that Joseph was in the lead but according to a statement in The Washington Post this is a mistake. It tells how Mr. Estill manages his campaign:

"Colonel Estill, taking a stenographer and typewriter, started on a tour. In every city and town—in fact, at every cross roads—the wire newspaper editor interviewed the prominent citizens, secured flattering biographical sketches and collected a mass of matter showing how the city or town or the hamlet was the hub of the universe. Colonel Estill printed in his paper all these pleasant things, and the consequence is that he is making friends all over the state. The country editors are being tickled by him, and they in turn, are tickling him, and the professional politicians are all in a quandary. Colonel Estill was left as poor as the traditional church mouse at the close of the war, but has since amassed a fortune by building up one of the finest newspaper properties in the south."

From The Post we get an amusing little joke. Senator Carmack's remark as to Fred Funston being the greatest captain whoever "wielded the jaw bone of an ass," evoked the following story from Representative Curtis, of Kansas: "What did Samson slay his enemies with?" asked a school teacher of her class.

No one could answer. "What is this?" inquired the teacher, touching the side of his cheek. "The jawbone of an ass," was the prompt reply."

The "New Woman" is on hand conspicuously and in many ways. Here are two late illustrations. There are two married women in Illinois who are opposing candidates for the trusteeship of the State University, and their pictures of course in the newspapers. The other recent startler is that Mrs. Mary Irwin will tour Europe on an automobile. She will have company which will break the monotony and afford pleasure. She is an actress we believe and looks strong.

Cold Steel or Death. "There is but one small chance to save your life and that is through an operation," was the awful prospect set before Mrs. R. Hunt, of Lime Ridge, Wis., by her doctor after vainly trying to cure her of a frightful case of stomach trouble and yellow jaundice. He didn't count on the marvellous power of Electric Bitters to cure Stomach and Liver troubles, but she heard of it, took seven bottles, was wholly cured, avoided surgeon's knife, now weighs more and feels better than ever. It's positively guaranteed to cure Stomach, Liver and Kidney troubles and never disappoints. Price 50c at R. R. Bellamy's drug store.

President Roosevelt attends the commencement exercises at the naval academy and delivers the diploma, making a short address. The chief address was made by Professor George T. Winston.

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